#### TITLE 329 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

#### **Final Rule**

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## **DIGEST**

Adds <u>329 IAC 1-2</u> concerning requests for restrictive covenant modifications and associated cost recovery measures for remediation projects described in <u>IC 13-23</u>, <u>IC 13-24</u>, <u>IC 13-25-4</u>, and <u>IC 13-25-5</u>. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

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## 329 IAC 1-2

SECTION 1. 329 IAC 1-2 IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

#### Rule 2. Restrictive Covenants

# 329 IAC 1-2-1 Applicability

Authority: IC 13-14-2-9; IC 13-25-4-1; IC 13-25-4-2

Affected: IC 13-11-2-193.5; IC 13-14-2-9; IC 13-23; IC 13-24; IC 13-25-4; IC 13-25-5

Sec. 1. This rule applies to the owner of a property:

- (1) that is subject to a restrictive covenant, as defined in <u>IC 13-11-2-193.5</u>, created in connection with a remediation project conducted under:
  - (A) IC 13-23;
  - (B) <u>IC 13-24</u>;
  - (C) <u>IC 13-25-4</u>; or
  - (D) IC 13-25-5; and
- (2) for which the owner seeks approval from the department to:
  - (A) modify a restriction or obligation; or
  - (B) terminate a restrictive covenant.

(Solid Waste Management Division; 329 IAC 1-2-1; filed Apr 28, 2016, 3:41 p.m.: 20160525-IR-329140254FRA)

## 329 IAC 1-2-2 Definitions

Authority: <u>IC 13-14-2-9</u>; <u>IC 13-25-4-1</u>; <u>IC 13-25-4-2</u>

Affected: IC 13-11-2; IC 13-14-2-9

Sec. 2. (a) In addition to the definitions in IC 13-11-2, the definitions in this section apply throughout this rule.

- (b) "Applicant" means a person who applies for a modification or termination of a restrictive covenant.
- (c) "Modification" means any amendment to a restrictive covenant subject to this rule that results in a remaining restriction or obligation to the owner of the property.
  - (d) "Owner" means the owner of real property subject to a restrictive covenant.

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(e) "Termination" means the expiration of the restrictive covenant and cessation of all terms of the restrictive covenant.

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# 329 IAC 1-2-3 General provisions

Authority: IC 13-14-2-9; IC 13-25-4-1; IC 13-25-4-2

Affected: IC 13-14-2-9

Sec. 3. An owner may request a modification or termination in accordance with IC 13-14-2-9 if:

- (1) there is a change in conditions or advancement in science or technology that would permit a modification; and
- (2) the modification of the conditions and restrictions imposed by the restrictive covenant would not increase the potential hazards to human health or the environment.

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## 329 IAC 1-2-4 Modification or termination application

Authority: IC 13-14-2-9; IC 13-25-4-1; IC 13-25-4-2

Affected: IC 13-14-2-9

- Sec. 4. (a) An application for modification or termination of a restrictive covenant must be submitted to the commissioner on forms provided by the department. To be considered complete, the following information must be included:
  - (1) A copy of the proposed modification or termination.
  - (2) An explanation of the change in condition or advancement of science and technology that permits the modification or termination.
  - (3) Third party contact information based on:
    - (A) required approvals from the original restrictive covenant; or
    - (B) approval required by a court action.
  - (4) A copy of written approval for the requested modification or termination from:
    - (A) the property owner, if different than the applicant; and
    - (B) any third party as required by:
    - (i) the original restrictive covenant; or
    - (ii) a court action.
- (b) In accordance with <u>IC 13-14-2-9</u>(c), the commissioner may request additional information to make a determination on the modification or termination request.

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#### 329 IAC 1-2-5 Action on an application

Authority: IC 13-14-2-9; IC 13-25-4-1; IC 13-25-4-2

Affected: IC 13-14-2-9

- Sec. 5. (a) The commissioner shall approve a request for modification or termination of a restrictive covenant if the commissioner determines that the modification or termination meets the requirements of:
  - (1) IC 13-14-2-9; and
  - (2) this rule.
- (b) The commissioner may authorize the filing of a supplemental recording to reflect an approved modification or termination of a restrictive covenant pursuant to <u>IC 13-14-2-9</u>(c). A supplemental recording must comply with section 6 of this rule.

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329 IAC 1-2-6 Submittal of supplemental recording

Authority: IC 13-14-2-9; IC 13-25-4-1; IC 13-25-4-2

Affected: IC 13-14-2-9

Sec. 6. (a) All restrictive covenant modifications and terminations must be recorded in the same manner and with the same county recorder as the original restrictive covenant.

(b) The owner shall provide a copy of the supplemental recording to the department within thirty (30) days of the recordation.

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# 329 IAC 1-2-7 Cost recovery

Authority: IC 13-14-2-9; IC 13-25-4-1; IC 13-25-4-2

Affected: IC 13-14-2-6; IC 13-14-2-9

- Sec. 7. (a) In accordance with <u>IC 13-14-2-9</u>(d), the applicant shall reimburse the department for the administrative and personnel expenses incurred by the department in evaluating a proposed modification or termination of a restrictive covenant under this rule.
- (b) Administrative expenses must include any expense to the department related to the review of the modification or termination request that would not have otherwise been incurred by the department.
- (c) The department shall charge personnel expenses at seventy-five (75) dollars per hour of time a department employee expends in evaluating the proposed modification or termination request.
- (d) The department shall send an invoice to the owner for personnel and administrative costs to the department.
- (e) Failure to reimburse the department for expenses incurred by the department in evaluating a proposed modification or termination of a restrictive covenant under this rule may result in:
  - (1) denial of the modification or termination; or
  - (2) legal action under <u>IC 13-14-2-6</u>.

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